

# The Daily Courant.

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## GENEVA.

A Letter, from the Pastors and Professors of the Church and Academy of Geneva, to the King of Prussia; occasion'd by some Steps taken by him towards uniting the Protestants of both Perswasions, Lutherans and Calvinists.

Sir, YOUR Majesty will be surpriz'd perhaps at the Liberty we take to appear before you. But when you hear on what Subject we come to entertain you, we dare hope you will not be displeas'd. God has rais'd up your Majesty for great things. Of this we cannot doubt, Sir, when we reflect upon the great Qualities that adorn your Majesty, and particularly on the Zeal you shew for whatever may contribute to the Advancement of the Kingdom of God, and Good of Religion. So many Churches whose Reestablishment your Majesty has already procur'd, and is still every Day procuring; such Numbers of the faithful as in so generous and charitable a Manner you have receiv'd into your Dominions; and so many excellent Orders as have been made in your Reign for the good Education of Youth and in Favour of Religion; are authentick Monuments of your Majesty's Piety and Zeal, which engage all Protestants to look upon you as their common Father and Protector, and to joyn your august Name to that of Constantine, Theodosius, and Charles the great.

But among the great things your Majesty has done, and is still doing for Religion, doubtless one of the principal is the Pains you take for uniting the Protestants. That Design, Sir, is truly worthy of your Majesty, and nothing can contribute so much to the Glory of your Reign, as this holy Union, which is so just in it self, so agreeable to the Maxims of the Gospel, so advantageous to the common Interest of the Protestant Religion, so necessary to secure us from the Enterprizes of Popery, which seeks only to destroy both the one and the other Party of us; in short which is wish'd for with so much Earnestness by all good Men, and which cannot fail, if once it be accomplish'd, to contribute infinitely to the enlarging of the Bounds of our holy Reformation: No, Victory, Sir, no Trophy, is comparable to the Glory of procuring so Christian, so needful, so desir'd a Peace.

We are inform'd, Sir, to our exceeding Joy, how much your Majesty's Heart is set upon this Work, and with what Application you labour to advance it. We applaud so holy an Enterprize; We bless God for inspiring the Thought into your Majesty; And were we so happy as to be able to contribute to it in any Manner, we can assure your Majesty that we would spare no Pains, and that we would not stick to make any Advances towards it. Accordingly having been given to understand, that should we lay before your Majesty our Sentiments on this Subject, it might be of some Use, we readily determin'd to do it, and joyfully embrac'd this Opportunity of approaching a Prince who is so dear to us, and who has given so many Marks of his Affection and good Will to this State and to this Church.

We will therefore acquaint your Majesty (if you please to grant us an Audience of some Moments) that the constant and unanimous Opinion of our Church has always been this: That the Protestants of both Communions agree in all that is important and essential in Religion: That neither the one nor the other hold any fundamental Error, nor use any Worship that is idolatrous or forbidden by God: That the Questions which separate us, are not essential to the Faith, nor necessary for Salvation: That

therefore we ought therein to bear with one another; It is actually done in several other things, about which the Learned even of the same Communion are divided. In short, that those Differences ought not to hinder us from looking on each other as Brethren, from frequenting the Assemblies of each other, from communicating in the Churches of each other, nor in a Word from composing all together one sole Ecclesiastical Communion.

For what relates to the Manner of uniting the two Parties, we do not think it can be done by Contestation and Dispute. That Way would be endless, no Body would recede, and Disputes are more apt to exasperate Mens Minds than to bring them to a Temper. It were much better, in our Judgement, to suppress all Disputes upon the Questions that divide us, to talk no more of those Matters but with Moderation and Gentleness, to endeavour principally to evince that those Questions are of little Importance, and for the rest (without entering into particulars) to open our Bosom to such of our Brethren as will come to us, and to go to them ourselves when they will receive us; in a Word to bear charitably with one another, as the Apostles of Jesus Christ exhort us in so many Places, and as they shew'd us we ought to do by their own Example, till it shall please God to dispel all our Doubts, and reveal both to the one and the other of us what we are Ignorant of.

'Tis on this Foundation that our Church has always acted: As often as she has been consulted she has answer'd in this Sense. Many of our Doctors have written Treatises expressly to shew that this was their Judgement. When any Lutherans desire to communicate with us, we receive them with open Arms, without obliging them to make any Abjuration of their Tenets; and if they will receive us on the same Condition, we are all dispos'd to communicate with their Churches.

We can besides alledge a Fact that will convince your Majesty of the moderate and pacifick Opinions of this Church. 'Tis this, some private Persons of the Lutheran Perswasion, having desir'd some Years ago, Permission to receive the Communion here from time to time, from the Hands of one of their Ministers, our Assembly which was conven'd twice to deliberate upon it, gave their unanimous Consent to it; Report of which being made to our Magistrates, they made no Difficulty to grant their Request. \*

[\* We take Leave to add a like Instance of the good Disposition of the Church of Geneva to other Protestant Churches, from Bishop Burnet's Travels. Towards the Beginning of the Letter from Nimwegen, his Lordship says what follows.

"Before I left Geneva, the number of the English there was such, that I found we could make a small Congregation; for we were 12 or 14; so I address'd my self to the Council of 25, for Liberty to have our own Worship in our own Language, according to the English Liturgy. This was immediately granted in so obliging a Manner, that as there was not one Person that made any Exception to it, so they sent one of their Body to me, to let me know, that in case our number should grow to be so great, that it were fit for us to assemble in a Church, they would grant us one, which had been done in Queen Mary's Reign; but till then we might hold our Assemblies as we thought fit. The last Sunday, I gave the Sacrament according to the Way of the Church of England, and upon this Occasion I found a general Joy in the Town. &c.]

We can aver, Sir, that perhaps there is no Church of the Protestant Party that has Sentiments more moderate and more tending to Peace, nor consequently that fall in more with your Majesty's Inclination and Designs, than those who have the Direction of the Church of Geneva.

What a Happiness would it be, Sir, if this great Work, which was so successfully promoted by your Predecessors, and particularly by the great Frederick William your Father of triumphant Memory, might at last, under your Majesty's auspicious Influence be happily consummated. Shall we presume to say it, great Prince, all Europe have their Eyes on you. You are esteem'd the Protector of the Protestant Religion: Never were there so favourable Conjunctions. Your Majesty's Grandeur, the eminent Rank you hold in the World, your Successes, your Alliances, but above all the Piety and Zeal with which you are animated, all these Considerations promise a happy Event, and make us hope for great Things.

May you, Sir, answer the Hope we have conceiv'd, and to that End may Heaven preserve you during a long Course of Years, and shower its choicest Blessings on your Majesty. We were alarm'd some Weeks ago by your Majesty's Sicknels, but God has taken Care of his Church, and restor'd you to our Prayers. We make Supplication to him, Sir, with all the Fervour and all the Zeal we are capable of, for the Preservation of your sacred Person, for the Prosperity of your Royal House, and for the Success of all your great and pious Designs. We are with most profound Respect and most intire Submission.

Geneva, April 22.

Sir,

Your Majesty's most humble and most obedient Servants,

The Pastors and Professors of the Church and Academy of Geneva.

J. A. Turretin, Moderator, Pastor, and Professor in Divinity and Ecclesiastical History. B. Calandrinus, Pastor and Professor in Divinity. D. Butini, Pastor. M. de Turretin, Pastor and Professor in the Oriental Languages. J. de le Rive, Pastor. V. Minutoli, Pastor and Professor in Philology. B. Picter, Pastor and Professor in Divinity. A. Leger, Pastor and Professor in Philosophy.

J. Sartoris, J. Sarrafin, T. Daffier, J. P. Gallatin, J. A. Fatio, G. Fabri, A. Maurice, J. J. Desprez, J. L. Calandrin, Pastors.

B. Muffard, Professor in the Laws. J. A. Gautier, Professor in Philosophy. E. Jallabert, Professor in the Mathematicks.

A. Chonand, P. Violier, T. Lamon, P. Pinault, J. Rocca, J. Senetier, Pastors.

L. Boulaire, J. Bessonier, J. Vial de Beaumont, Ministers.

The King of Prussia's Answer to this Letter shall be found in our next.

Never Acted there before.

By her Majesty's Company of Comedians.

**A**T the Queen's Theatre in the Hay-Market, to Morrow being Tuesday, the 22d of July, will be presented a Play, call'd, The Unfortunate Dutchess, or, The Unnatural Brothers. Reviv'd with Alterations. The Principal Parts to be perform'd by Mr. Verbruggen, Mr. Mills, Mr. Booth, Mr. Keene, Mr. Cory, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Bullock, Mr. Bowen, Mr. Pack, Mr. Fairbank, Mr. Cruise, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Bradshaw, and Mrs. Powell.

This Play is Sold by J. Knapton at the Crown in St. Paul's Church-yard, and B. Linnett next Nando's Coffee-House, Temple-Bar.

A Concert of Vocal and Instrumental Musick, to be perform'd to Morrow being Tuesday the 22d of July, at the Dancing-School the Corner house in Queen-Street and Fifth-Street near Saba-Square, beginning at 7 a Clock. Tickets may be had at the Door, at 2 s 6 d each.

Lost or Stolen about a Week since, a Silver Watch made by Robins of London, with a Coat of Arms Engraven on the Outer Case, viz. 3 Escalops in Chief, and 2 Bars, with an Unicorn's Head for the Crest, with a Silver Chain and 2 Seals, the one an Unicorn's Head in Crest, the other a Cupid guiding a Ship. Whoever shall bring the same to Mr. Wright Goldsmith at the Golden Cup in Great-Russell-Street, shall have 3 Guineas Reward, and if paid the Money repaid and well Rewarded.

Newly Publish'd.

**The Life and Actions of PRINCE EUGENE** of Savoy, Generalissimo of the Emperor's Forces in Italy. The 2d Edition, with a Continuation of his Actions to the Time of his being made Governor of the Milanese. Sold by A. Baldwin in the Oxford Arms in Warwick-Lane. Price 1 s 6 d.

Whereas Jane Davis, alias Mary Scent, way from Mr. John Arnold's House over-against Queen-Street Parish of St. Margaret Westminster, with a Diamond Buckle, 2 Tankards, and other Pieces of Plate. This is to give notice, that Reward of 3 Guineas will be given to any Person that shall apprehend the said Jane Davis by the aforesaid Mr. Arnold.

There is to be Lett two Tenements, with Shops belonging to them; which may be made into one, situate in Fleet Street near St. Dunstan's Church, betwixt the Signs of the Flower de Luce and the Peacock. Inquire at St. Dunstan's Coffee-house in Fleet Street.

Any Lady or Gentlewoman that is going beyond Sea and wants a young Woman to wait on her, that can do Needle-Work, Starch, Dress Heads, &c. and can be very well recommended, may receive Information of such an one at Mrs. Brown's a Toyshop at the West end of St. Pauls.

**True Burdeaux Brandies to be Sold** at 7 s 1 per Gallon by Retail, lying in a Cellar over-against the French Church in St. Martin's Lane, Cannon-Street, where Attendance will be given from 6 to 12, and from 2 till 7.

**Right French Brandy, by Wholesale or Retail.**

At Major Bird's Ware-House Merchant in Pudding-Lane, over-against the Back-Door of the Star-Inn, near the Monument, are 72 Hogsheads of Right French Brandies, taken as Prize, just Landed, to be Sold at 8 s 6 d per Gallon Retail, in no less Quantity than a Gallon, and at 24 s 10 p per Ton, in no less Quantity than a Hogshead: Where Attendance will be given daily till all are Sold.

**Out of the French Prizes lately brought in at the Brandy Cellar in Bucklersbury**, the finest French Brandy to be Sold from 7 s 1 to 8 s 2 per Gallon, by the Piece, Hogshead or lesser Quantities, likewise Spanish from 4 s 1 to 5 s 4 per Gallon.

This Day continues the Sale of an Extraordinary Collection of Latin, French, and English Books, among which are Usher's Annals, Clarendon's History, 3 Vol. large Paper, Rawley's History of the World, with many other scarce and valuable Books being the Library of Mr. Throgmorton, formerly Clerk of the Great Parliament. Sold at the East-India Coffee-house in Leaden-hall-Street, beginning at 10 in the Morning, to continue every day this Week Attendance being given all the day.

**Taken as Prize, just landed out of the Hanover Galley Privateer**, in the French Prize Brandy Store-Vault of Wallingham Heathfields, the very next Passage that joins to the Bear and Harrow Tavern in the Burcher-row behind St. Clement's Church without Temple-bar, is sold, either by Wholesale or Retail at 8 s 6 d per Gallon; but by no less Quantity than a Gallon: If you buy a whole Piece or half Hogshead at 105 l. per Ton, but none without ready Money at this Rate. Attendance will be given at the Tobacco Roll and Sugar-Loves next the French Cooks in the Burcher-Row, and at the aforesaid Vault, from 7 to 12, and from 2 till 7. And in another Store-Vault of his is Nantz Brandy for 8 s. Spanish at 6 s. and Genoa from Italy, from 6 s 1 to 8 s. and all sorts of English made Brandies at Reasonable Rates.

On Thursday the 24th of July 1707, will be Exposed to Sale at the Marine Coffee-house in Birch Lane, the following Wines, viz. 51 Buns of new Sherry, and 3 Pipes of Sweet Malaga. To be seen in 2 Vaults in a Lead-yard on Porter's-Key, from 10 o'clock till the time of Sale, at usual Hours. Sold by Henry Holger Sworn Broker.

**PLAIN SPANISH SNUFF,**

Right and Fine, in Tin-Pots, to be Sold at 4 s per Pound, and Encouragement for any that buy a Quantity to sell again, by Mr. Francis Zouch at the corner of Garlick-Hill, Thames Street, near Queen-hive. Note, Fresh Lisbon-Snuff, imported by the last Ships, true as it came over, scald'd up, is also sold there.

**Ministers Gowns and Caslocks, Silk and Worsted Sashes, Lawyers Gowns, Livery-Gowns and Hoods**, and all sorts of Gowns for Mayors and Aldermen of any Corporation in England. Sold by Anthony Ingram Robe-maker at the Sign of the Gown and Livery-hood in Pater-Noster-Row near the North-Gate of St. Paul's Church, who hath of them ready made by him, and sold at reasonable Prices. And also Black Cloath and Prunella sold for Ministers wear.

**The Royal Chymical Wash-Ball for the Hands and Face**, largely experienc'd and daily commended by all that use them, and that for making the Skin so delicately soft and smooth, as not to be parallell'd by either Wash, Powder, Cosmetics, &c. it is indeed a real Beautifier of the Skin, by taking off all Deformities, as Tetter, Ring-worms, Morpheus, Sun-burn, Scurf, Pimples, Pitts, Redness of the Small-pox, &c. Keeping it of a lasting and exceeding Whiteness, it soon alters red or rough Hands, and is admirable in Shaving the Head, which not only gives a more exquisite sharpness to the Razor, but so comforts the Brain and Nerves, as to prevent catching Cold, and is of a grateful and pleasant Scent, without the least Grit of Mercury. Is sold only by Mr. Allnutt, Glover, the corner of Popes-Head-Alley against the Royal Exchange, and at Mrs. Gile's, Milliner and Toyshop near Mercuries-Pillar-Ally by the Temple, at 1 s each, with printed Directions at large.

This Day is publish'd.

**Mr. Higgins's Sermon Preach'd at Dublin** before the Lords Justices of Ireland. Done from a Copy Corrected by himself. Printed for B. Barker at the White Hart, and C. King at the Judges-Head, both in Westminster-Hall, and Sold by Dan. Briggs in Pater-Noster-Row.

This Day is publish'd.

**A Sermon Preach'd before their Excellencies the Lords Justices at Christ's Church, Dublin**, on Tuesday the 28th of August, 1705. By Francis Higgins, M. A. Prebendary of Christ's Church, Dublin. Reprinted (with a Preface by the Author) for Jonah Bowyer at the Rose in Ludgate-Street, and Sold by J. Morphew near Stationer's-Hall. Note, There is a Spurious Edition Printed, the True one may be known by having the Author's Preface, and Printed for Jonah Bowyer.

**Devotions for several Occasions, Ordinary and Extraordinary**, in Psalms, and Hymns, and Spiritual Songs, Collected from the Holy Scriptures. By Theophilus Dorrington, Rector of Witresham in Kent. Designed for the use of Religious Societies and Families, and for a direction to Parish Clerks in choosing proper Psalms for all Occasions. Printed for John Wyar at the Rose in St. Paul's Church-yard.